

Something New... Something Old...

The listings described below differ widely—just as do people and their individual requirements. In or out of town, large or small, new or old—we can help you find what you want—and, more important, we'll be glad to help you.

1. This 1941 built Colonial, 4 1/2 miles from Birmingham, is only a short walk from an excellent grade school and the high school bus to Haldwain. There's a first floor Bedroom and a nicely tiled Bath—upstairs are two big Bedrooms and space for a future Bath if it's needed. Heating cost—by oil—is low and the taxes are less than \$50. Land area is 102 by 325, lots of room for lawn, garden and play. It's neat and clean and the price is only \$11,000.
2. For the one-car family this older home, in superb condition, is ideally located. Adams School, transportation and shops are all conveniently close. It's most attractively decorated, the Living Room has a fireplace and the three Bedrooms are larger than average, all with good wardrobe space. The furnace is new. \$14,900.
3. Here's an all brick, 3 Bedroom home in Beverly Hills, just a block from the Birmingham School bus line. The entrance Hall is wide enough for a desk, Living and Dining Rooms adjoin for entertaining and the 3 upstairs Bedrooms have a nicely tiled Bath. Best of all is the site—100 by 120, nicely wooded. \$16,000.
4. In the hills north of Birmingham, just finished and ready to move in. It's location, brick and frame, on a wide site 120 by 160, 3 Bedrooms (2 are exceptionally large) and a colorfully tiled Bath upstairs. (Oil) air conditioned and fully insulated. Taxes are only \$60. Priced at \$24,000.

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Bits of Birmingham

In a sense, the Wanderer's travels took him away out to Oakland, Calif.; this past week end. It seems that four boys, who are stationed near Oakland, enjoyed a real family dinner and two pieces of apple pie as the guests of former Birmingham residents. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Metcalf, Birminghamites from 1942 to 1945, it must have been a swell old-home-weekend for Jack Daeschner, Charlie Renfrew, Dan Gregg and Bob McNelis, local boys who are stationed overseas duty soon.

Determined to carry on their activities which supply ordinary small comforts and necessities to patients at the Dearborn Veterans Hospital, the organization called "Let Us Forget," made up of young Detroit women, made, however, contributions with which to purchase these items for the patients. There are several Birmingham boys who are still patients at Dearborn, so this Wanderer thinks there may be some persons in the community who might like to make a worthy contribution to this organization so it may continue to serve the patients. Headquarters is at 11772 Gratiot avenue, Detroit 5.

Inaugurated six years ago to pay honor to a woman in Metropolitan Detroit who contributed the most to the economic advancement of women during the year, the Detroit Sororist Club is now encouraging entries from this area for its 1946 "Woman of the Year" award. To be awarded March 8, closing date for entries is Feb. 19. Written entries only, to include name and address of the woman selected, plus a brief outline of her accomplishments, may be sent to Miss Florence Cox, 827 Fox Blg., Detroit. Can anyone think of any local candidates who should be entered?

Visitors to Dwight B. Ireland's office at the Hill School have been

commenting on the harmonious drapes which now adorn the two windows in the superintendent's office. Planned some time ago by members of the high school home economics class, it wasn't until a few days ago that the drapes were completed and put up. The addition of the drapes has the effect of getting Ireland's office still further from the atmosphere ordinarily credited to a school superintendent's office. It's a good thing, this Wanderer thinks, for visitors are more apt to be at ease in a comfortable atmosphere than a "classroom" one.

The Boys' Republic of Farmington has made an appeal to the Birmingham Lions Club to help them locate some musical instruments which they might use in organizing a band for their school. The boys at the institution are much interested in forming a band and have no other means of obtaining horns, drums, etc. The Lions have already located several instruments, but can use many more. If you have one that is catching dust in your attic, and you would be willing to donate it to this cause, you may contact Howard C. Estes at the Indian Craft and Gift Shop, who is the Lion in charge of this project. If you call him, he will see that your instrument is picked up and given to the band boys at the Republic.

It isn't the first time a thing like this has happened and if our petty thieves run true to form, it will happen again. We mention it every time it occurs, as this time happened at the Birmingham Feed and Sait Company. Somebody stole the Sister Kinney coin box, which contained a substantial sum of money for the polio relief fund, right off the counter down there. When it was missed, the committee was contacted to see if they had picked it up. They hadn't and they reported that two others previously have been taken out of Birmingham stores.

Quite a few persons are still mentioning the recent Community Institute on atomic energy. One

local chap reminded this Wanderer this week—in connection with scientific advancement outrunning cultural growth—about this fact: "Why shouldn't science make such terrific strides in comparison to cultural and moral growth? For every dollar contributed to the study of social advancement one hundred dollars is given for scientific research. When the scales are tipped the other way, maybe the world will begin to see the answer to our social, economic and political problems."

The Birmingham Board of Education now has its second school bus in operation. Delivered last week, the new red, white and blue vehicle has been placed on the Beverly Hills-Southfield run to bring in elementary school children. The B of E is still waiting delivery on the remaining three buses which have been contracted for.

This Wanderer is waiting for those new Community House auditorium lights to be installed. Work is already progressing on them, and we understand the new fixtures can be controlled from backstage by a "dimmer" which will permit the amount of light to be regulated at any strength. Also slated for correction, this Wanderer understands, is the auditorium stage. The acoustical values are to be altered so audiences may more easily hear the speaker.

While this Wanderer has heard little or nothing from Pierce street residents—most of the city's attention has of late been focused on the Oak street improvement—some of these days we'll not be surprised to find Pierce street the way it was at least as long as that which has been raised about the Park street. Just try driving over Pierce at more than five miles an hour and you'll see what is meant.

Lovers of the warmer climes are confronted right now with conflicting emotions: they welcome these balmy days but hesitate to leave their doorstep for fear of becoming mired down with all the sticky

mud which now is present most everywhere. To inject another sour note into the discussion of the weather, just wait till the Spring thaws come, if you think today's conditions are bad! This Wanderer only hopes that the residents along Rosemead and a few other streets in the vicinity to not let the cold from the world as they wait for the sun to dry up their streets.

Rod Smith, proprietor of the Birmingham Bowling Alley, stated this week that Andy Varipapa, nationally famous bowler and trick shot artist, will be at the Birmingham alleys next Monday, February 3. He will instruct from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. and at 11 o'clock in the evening he will demonstrate his trick shots. According to Smith, any bowler may take advantage of the instruction period and then return in the evening to enjoy the exhibition. There is no charge for either session.

If you don't wish to purchase a season ticket for the mixed adult swimming classes at the Barnum every Wednesday, single admissions may be obtained at the school door, Ed Kierbert, local secretary, announced this week. "But these single admissions won't apply toward a season ticket," Kierbert warned. "If you are a swimming enthusiast are invited to attend the weekly sessions at the pool. When your Florida-vacationing friends return home, they will be swimming regularly, too."

A couple of attorneys—residents of Birmingham—when we should have said "of Michigan" were discussing the apparent habit of Michiganders to pass constitutional amendments so many times. Said one, "I suppose that if anyone proposed an amendment to the U. S. constitution to abolish all taxes, it would be adopted overwhelmingly by the people." From the way most Michigan voters went home, line and sinker for the sales tax diversion amendment, this

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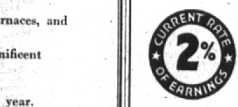
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An Open Letter...

January 24, 1947
To the VOTERS of Southfield Township

First of all we want to apologize to you for addressing our previous open letters "To The Taxpayers" as well as to the voters. We are sorry that many of you are not taxpayers are still voters. Whether taxpayers or not, every voter is affected by the government and administration of Southfield Township. And, also we want to thank each of you who have telephoned or otherwise conveyed your opinions in response to our previous open letters.

In this letter we will attempt to discuss a topic which is a vital part to the solution of the problem which now confronts us, namely "THE BUDGET." Every well conducted business, as well as many households, operates under a form of budget, however simple it may be, because in reality a budget is merely the control of expenditures in relation to income. In the case of a corporation or a municipality, regardless of size, is required to furnish a financial statement to either the stockholders, or in the case of Southfield Township, to the voters and taxpayers. A budget therefore sets up the anticipated income and the anticipated expenditures for the coming year.

The budget should be carefully prepared giving due consideration to the needs and requirements for the coming year. It should provide for contingencies based on previous experience. It should be published before the annual Township meeting so that you will have an opportunity to familiarize yourself with how it is intended to spend your money. Then after being approved by the voters no change should be made without due notice beforehand to the voters and their approval secured.

We believe our Township should be run like a well managed business which if it finds itself with a surplus, either or both pays a dividend to its stockholders, or sets up a reserve against future needs.

We pledge to maintain a budget which will take into consideration the taxpayer who "foots the bill." And, that any savings will either reflect a decreased tax for the next year, or be set aside and maintained in a reserve fund, as the voters desire. We maintain that this is the only FAIR way of conducting the affairs of the Township. We do not condone nor will we tolerate any other method.

Too many officials, directly they learn that more funds will be available, than was anticipated, immediately start to find ways and means to spend these additional funds without receiving authorization for the expenditure from a majority of the voters. The time for finding excuses to spend a surplus or any funds received, regardless of size, which were not anticipated at the annual Township meeting, is definitely past. This is a privilege that belongs to the voters.

We are still open to the Township meeting plan. The affairs of the Township are or will be no better than you make them by the interest you take, and then only in the extent you actively participate in them. We ask your support and assistance in this endeavor.

Sincerely yours for a Better Southfield Township,
Signed DUDLEY P. FRAME
24261 Chief Pontiac Trail.